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As a former educator and current legislator I am writing to express my support for the proposed settlement reached by Microsoft, the Department of Justice and several of the State. In reviewing the points of the settlement I see several benefits particularly for educators and our schools.

In accepting this proposal and ending this costly process for all parties involved we also send a message to the American taxpayers that we are being responsible. First in holding large companies accountable for their actions and secondly in knowing when a point has been reached, after which further expenses is non productive.

I believe that Microsoft has learned, as all good companies do, that they needed to change some of their business practices and policies. Secondly, they have reached an agreement that appears to be beneficial to many of our nations schools and their students, by providing resources that will help train and prepare them for the future. This appeals to me because it puts the resources to work, rather than a cash settlement that might allow politicians a windfall that would not be as productively distributed.

I also see it as beneficial to the parties involved. The point has been made to Microsoft, a fair settlement has been negotiated and I see no further need for added legal expenses to the government or Microsoft. It is in everyone's best interest to move on.

Thank you for consideration of my comments and for all you do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald P. Berry, Sr.".

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